

## Montgomery Cares Advisory Board

### February 28, 2024 Meeting Notes

**MCAB Members Present:** Dr. Kathryn Kelly, Dr. Yuchi Huang, Peter Lowet, Melanie Bunting, Wayne Swann, Dr. Helaine Resnick, Mark Foraker, Denise Kishel, Susan Emery

**MCAB Members Absent:** Sharron Holquin, Viviana Azar, Dr. Kisha Davis

**DHHS Staff:** Dr. Tricia Boyce, Magda Brown, Estrella Rodriguez, Rebecca Smith, LaSonya Boyce, Christine Hong, Ashley Miller, Arnecia Moody

**County Council Staff:**

**Primary Care Coalition:** Leslie Graham, Marisol Ortiz, Aisha Mason (Robinson), Sarah Frazell, Tabitha Gingerich

**Guest:** Kristin Cummings, Beth Barrows, Gabriela Rosales

Wayne Swann called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm. Meeting held via Microsoft Teams video/teleconference.

Item		Action Follow-up	Person Assigned	Due Date
1.	<p><b>Approval of Minutes – January 24, 2024</b></p> <p>Moved to March meeting due to lack of quorum.</p>			
2.	<p><b>Montgomery Cares Advisory Board Chair Report – Wayne Swann</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcomed the honorable guests and the advisory board members.</li> <li>• TROIKA will be meeting with all County Council members within the next four-to-six weeks regarding FY25 policy, advocacy and budget items. Wayne will be participating in these meetings and will provide and update at the March meeting.</li> <li>• The Nominating Committee is in the process of finalizing and submitting recommendation for new Board members to the County Executive’s office. New members may be onboard by next month’s meeting. Ashley will provide an update regarding the appointment status of new and reappointed Board members prior to the March 2024 meeting.</li> </ul>	<p>Follow up on TROIKA Meetings with County Council</p> <p>Update on status of</p>	<p>Wayne Swann</p> <p>Ashley Miller</p>	<p>Marc h MCA B Meeti ng</p> <p>Prior to</p>


	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Susan Emery and Yuchi Huang make up this year’s Nominating Committee.</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p> <p><b>Mark Foraker –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request for update/information on MCAB member term</li> </ul> <p><b>Ashley Miller –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will request guidance from BCC and will reach out to Board members via email with an update and additional information on current member terms.</li> </ul>	<p>Board member appointments</p> <p>Board Member Terms</p>	<p>Ashley Miller</p>	<p>March 2024 MCAB Meeting</p> <p>Prior to March 2024 MCAB Meeting</p>
<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b>Health Officer Update – Dr. Kisha Davis</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Davis was unable to attend the February MCAB meeting. A Health Officer Report for February 2024 was sent with the meeting packet materials for review by the Board.</li> <li>Questions on the February 2024 Health Officer Report should be emailed to Ashley Miller. Ashley will provide Dr. Davis with questions submitted and will reach out to those who posed questions with a written response when available.</li> </ul>	<p>Email Ashley Miller with questions on the February Health Officer Report.</p>		
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Healthcare for the Uninsured Report Q&amp;A – Dr. Christopher Rogers &amp; DHHS Staff</b></p> <p>See Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The monthly report will now list “DHHS Staff”. Staff for each program will be present during the meeting to answer questions from Board members on the report. If a staff member is absent, Ashley Miller will collect questions during the meeting and follow-up with a written response.</li> <li>Starting in March, the monthly report will include an application compliance rate that will be submitted</li> </ul>			

	<p>from the Office of Eligibility and Support Services (OESS). The data will detail the number of program applications received by OESS as well as the monthly compliance rate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>January data and program updates for County Dental and Healthcare for the Homeless will be included with the March report.</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No questions were posed at the meeting. Email Ashley Miller with any questions following the meeting.</li> </ul>			
<p>5.</p>	<p><b>Montgomery Cares 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Update – Primary Care Coalition – Aisha Mason (Robinson), Sarah Frazell and Tabitha Gingrich</b> See Report</p> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Helaine Resnick –</b> Dr. Resnick has been working with Shepherd’s Table in Silver Spring and inquired about behavioral health needs for the homeless population in Montgomery County. What staff and services are available at the clinics that participate in the Montgomery Cares Program?</p> <p><b>LaSonya Kelly –</b> Some of this will be touched on during the presentation on the Healthcare for the Homeless program that will follow this presentation. Homelessness continues to increase across the County, with it significant psychiatric and behavioral health needs. To address these needs more staff support is needed. LaSonya requested Dr. Resnick reach out after the meeting to have further conversation on this topic.</p> <p><b>Dr. Helaine Resnick –</b> Willing to work with others on the Board to explore these needs.</p> <p><b>LaSonya Kelly –</b> Needs are dependent on the shelter. The program is working on getting more data and information on the needs of all shelters to see where the differences and similarities are.</p> <p><b>Susan Emery –</b> The Commission on Health (COH) will once again be including in their FY25 priorities submission a request for a planning specialist to complete evaluation on all of the Healthcare for the Uninsured programs that the Board advises. This will be the third year that COH has included this request in their submission. Did this</p>			

	<p>request originate from MCAB?</p> <p><b>Wayne Swann –</b> This item was considered in previous years for inclusion with the MCAB policy and advocacy priorities, but has not been included due to competing priorities.</p> <p><b>Dr. Kathryn Kelly –</b> Looking at ways to get more providers involved through the Medical Society. Dr. Kelly shared her contact information with PCC staff to continue discussions and see where it may be possible to fill in provider gaps for the Health Care for the Uninsured programs.</p>			
6.	<p><b>Healthcare for the Homeless Update – LaSonya Kelly, Dr. Kathryn Kelly and Christine Hong</b> See Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LaSonya Kelly, Dr. Kathryn Kelly and Christine Hong each provided presentations regarding the Healthcare for the Homeless program and homelessness in Montgomery County.</li> <li>• Christine Hong is the new Chief of Services to End and Prevent Homelessness (SEPH). She previously worked with Interfaith Works, a nonprofit that provided emergency shelter, supportive housing and essential needs and employment programs to Montgomery County residents.</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Yuchi Huang –</b> One clinic seems to have higher utilization and more services provided. Why is this?</p> <p><b>LaSonya Kelly –</b> Nebel is one of the largest shelters in the program, but all share similar work. The program is working on providing a more accurate picture of this across all shelters. There is an issue across shelters on clients underreporting psychiatric needs.</p> <p><b>Peter Lowet –</b> Have raised rents and housing supply shortages contributed to the increase in homelessness in the County?</p> <p><b>Christine Hong –</b> These are some of the contributing factors in the rise of homelessness in the County. SEPH provides services such as emergency eviction prevention, the rental assistance program and landlord supports to name a few.</p>			
7.	<p><b>March 27, 2024 Agenda and Next Steps</b></p>			

	<p>The next meeting is on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 and will be held in-person at 401 Hungerford (A&amp;B Conference Room) in Rockville.</p> <p><b>Meeting Adjournment</b> <i>Moved by Peter Lowet</i> <i>Seconded by Dr. Yuchi Huang</i> <i>Without objections, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.</i></p>			
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Respectfully submitted,

  
Susan Emery [Jan 17, 2024 12:31 EDT]

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